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To amend title 31 of the United States Code to require that Federal children’s programs be separately displayed and analyzed in the President’s budget.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Budget
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.**

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(40)(A) A detailed, separate analysis for the
2 prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, the fiscal
3 year for which the budget is submitted, and the en-
4 suing fiscal year identifying the amounts of gross
5 and net appropriations or obligational authority and
6 outlays that are directed to children within the
7 United States and territories including—

8 “(i) summaries of the total amount of such
9 appropriations or new obligational authority
10 and outlays requested for children and chil-
11 dren’s programs;

12 “(ii) an estimate of levels of spending on
13 children and children’s programs; and

14 “(iii) a detailed breakdown of spending on
15 children and children’s programs by agency and
16 initiative.

17 “(B) In this paragraph—

18 “(i) the term ‘children’ means individuals
19 under 19 years of age; and

20 “(ii) the term ‘spending on children’ in-
21 cludes—

22 “(I) Federal entitlement spending
23 that goes directly to children;

1 “(II) outlays for programs and initia-
2 tives that, consistent with their mission,
3 deliver services exclusively to children;

4 “(III) outlays for programs and initia-
5 tives that, while not serving children di-
6 rectly, have as a core mission goal the im-
7 provement of children’s health, education,
8 welfare, or general well-being; and

9 “(IV) the share of funding for Federal
10 programs and initiatives that deliver serv-
11 ices to both children and adults that is
12 consistent with the share of program bene-
13 fits for children based on the best available
14 data.

15 “(C) In implementing this paragraph, including
16 determining what Federal activities or accounts con-
17 stitutes spending on children or children’s programs,
18 the Office of Management and Budget shall consult
19 periodically with the Committee on the Budget and
20 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the
21 Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Ap-
22 propriations of the House of Representatives, and
23 the Congressional Budget Office.”.

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